



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

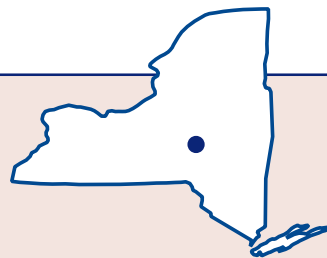
Oneonta, NY

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Oneonta was selected to receive an assessment grant. Oneonta (population 15,000) has a history of heavy manufacturing and agriculture. The city has targeted a 100-acre industrial park for redevelopment. It is the only area in Otsego County designated for heavy industry and is within a recently designated New York State Empire Zone. Many skilled or trainable workers available for traditional manufacturing and light industry employment are currently employed in low-paying jobs in the retail sector. The assessment of this underused industrial park will accelerate ongoing efforts to market the site for sustainable industrial redevelopment using tax relief, subsidies, and infrastructure enhancement incentives.



Assessment Grant

New
2003

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Oneonta for a brownfields assessment grant. The city has identified a 100-acre heavy industrial area for assessments through this grant. It is the only area in the county designated for heavy industry. Grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I and Phase II assessments of parcels within the industrial park, prepare conceptual reuse plans to support sustainable long-term development, and involve the community in key planning decisions.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Grant Recipient: City of Oneonta, NY
607-432-0114

Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Oneonta has not received brownfields grant funding.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.